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DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. §1.821(f))

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- I, Vineet Kohli, hereby declare as follows:
- I am the attorney in charge of the above-identified application, and I am fully familiar with its contents.
- I have compared the nucleotide sequences presented in the specification of this application and the sequences submitted herewith in computer readable form and in paper copy. I attest that the information contained in these two sources is the same.
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